

### **COVID-19 Update** (as at 2pm, 10 June 2020)

#### Overview and key developments

- As at 7.00am Wednesday 10 June, Queensland has recorded 1062 cases, with no new cases since yesterday. Of the confirmed cases, 1051 have recovered.
- As at 9.00pm Tuesday 9 June, Australia has recorded 7267 confirmed cases, 2 more than the
  previous day. Of the 7267 confirmed cases nationally, 102 have died from COVID-19. Six of these
  deaths have been Queenslanders.
- The Chief Health Officer is currently considering COVID safe, site-specific plans for the staged return
  of spectators to major sporting venues. The stadium plans will apply to all sports that play in them,
  including the NRL, AFL and other sports like netball and basketball.
- Queenslanders are being encouraged to undertake intrastate travel by road, rail and air, and book a Queensland holiday this winter in support of local tourism and jobs. Queenslanders are now able to undertake unlimited travel including overnight stays throughout the entire state, with the exception of restricted areas. Holiday inspiration and deals can be found at the brand new, worldclass Queensland.com.
- To date, fourteen Industry COVID Safe Plans have been approved by the Chief Health Officer.
   Further information on Industry COVID Safe Plans is available <a href="here">here</a> and all <a href="here">approved plans</a> are available on the COVID-19 website.
- The Queensland Government has a <u>three-stage plan</u> for a COVID-safe Queensland, allowing more travel, more activities and larger gatherings.
- The Queensland Government has announced a suite of economic initiatives, in partnership with the
  private sector, to reinvigorate the Queensland economy. The 'Queensland Economic Recovery
  Strategy: Unite and Recover for Queensland Jobs' is designed to help the State recover from
  COVID-19. View more information on the strategy.
- Entry into Queensland remains temporarily prohibited unless the travel is exempt under the Chief Health Officer's <u>Border Restrictions Direction</u>. All Queenslanders returning home from interstate require a valid <u>Queensland Entry Pass</u>. Decisions about lifting border restrictions will be reviewed at the end of each month.

#### **Public Health advice**

- Together Queenslanders have slowed the spread of COVID-19 by staying at home. As a result, the Queensland Government will continue to ease restrictions on travel within Queensland.
- Stage 2 of the Government's easing of restrictions allows more businesses to safely reopen, or expand their services. Businesses will need to comply with measures to protect our community.
- From 12:00pm 1 June 2020, this includes:
  - an increase of up to 20 seated patrons at restaurants, cafes and pubs across Queensland
  - businesses offering accommodation, including caravan parks, can now open for all customers.
- A number of businesses who previously remained closed can reopen with up to 20 customers or patrons, including:
  - gyms, health clubs and yoga studios
  - community sports clubs
  - tourism experiences
  - museums and art galleries, cinemas, amusement parks and zoos, concert venues, theatres and stadiums



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- tanning, tattoo parlours and spas (excluding water-based spa services such as saunas and bathhouses.
- Up to 20 guests are now allowed at weddings and up to 50 mourners at a funeral.
- Some businesses may be allowed to have more patrons/customers by adopting an approved <u>Industry</u> <u>COVID Safe Plan</u> meaning businesses with more space can host a maximum 20 people in each defined area of their business, if they follow an approved Industry COVID Safe Plan.
- The numbers allowed are a maximum. All businesses allowed to operate must ensure they adhere to one person per four square metres.
- The Quarantine within Designated Areas Direction is now available. From midday on 1 June 2020, a
  person granted permission to enter a designated area is to quarantine in a suitable place within a
  designated area for 14 days.
- Social distancing and hygiene rules remain in place in all circumstances including regular hand washing and wherever possible remaining 1.5 metres away from non-household members.
- The Chief Health Officer has declared three Victorian local government areas (Wyndham City, Moorabool Shire, Melton City) as COVID-19 hotspots. Queenslanders returning from these areas will need to self-quarantine for 14 days.
- Queenslanders are urged to get their flu vaccination as soon as possible with the peak season from June to September. Vaccinations are available at doctors' surgeries, local pharmacies or at the workplace.
- In Queensland, testing may be done for people who have any of the following COVID-19 symptoms, no matter how mild:
  - Fever
  - Cough
  - Sore throat
  - Shortness of breath
  - Runny nose
  - Fatigue

If you are unwell and you meet the above criteria, you should contact a doctor immediately.

Download the voluntary COVIDSafe app to help slow the spread of coronavirus through early
notification of possible exposure. <u>Find out more about the COVIDSafe app</u> — available on both iOS
and Android.

#### Other services

- New COVID Safe Ambassadors will be out and about in the community, visiting shopping centres
  and local businesses to keep Queenslanders up to date with the latest information about the relaxing
  of COVID-19 restrictions.
- Small businesses and their employees across Queensland now have free access to an online training hub providing an extensive library of courses tailored to small business needs. Find out more about the GO1 Queensland Small Business Skills hub.
- Camping areas are now open however some restrictions will be in place to keep visitors safe such as limiting the number of campers at any one time. Find details of camping at <u>state-owned dams</u> or <u>in national parks</u>, including advice on permits and some restrictions.
- The first stage of a <u>three-stage Roadmap to safely ease travel restrictions in remote and Aboriginal</u>
   and Torres Strait Islander communities has commenced. Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait
   Partnerships Craig Crawford MP has written to the Federal Government requesting removal of all
   Queensland designated areas from the Biosecurity determination from 12 June 2020 that will enable



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communities to become part of 'safe travel zones' that residents can easily travel within, based on public health advice.

- Recreational water-based travel within Queensland is permitted without restrictions. This includes
  travel overnight with no distance limitation. International and interstate border restrictions remain in
  place. Skippers are reminded travel to remote communities is still restricted. Skippers intending to
  travel to these communities are advised to check if the area is a designated area and comply with the
  guidance provided.
- **Public transport customers** should remember three key principles when travelling: <u>Leave a gap</u> between themselves and others; <u>Adjust their travel</u> to avoid peak periods; and <u>Keep it clean</u> by following health advice. <u>View the COVID-safe public transport plan</u>.
- From 15 June 2020, light vehicle practical driving tests for priority customers will resume in line
  with health and safety advice. Customers who don't meet the prioritisation criteria can continue to
  check for recommencement updates.

#### Financial assistance

- Overall the Queensland Government has committed more than \$6 billion worth of COVID-19 support initiatives, including measures for impacted businesses, workers, households, communities and the health sector.
- · Recent announcements include:
  - The Queensland Government approved a **one-off \$1500** hardship payment for casual workers who test positive to COVID. The payment is also available to employees who have exhausted their sick leave or pandemic leave entitlements. View the full statement here.
- To find information on all financial assistance and business and industry support announced by the Queensland Government, visit Business Queensland or the COVID-19 website.
- An online rental hub has information and resources to help tenants, property owners and agents.
   Find out more about the rental hub.
- An online jobs portal is available to connect Queenslanders who have lost their jobs due to COVID-19 with new job opportunities. Find out more about Jobs Finder Queensland.
- Several changes have been made to help Queenslanders with costs and requirements relating to
  personal and business vehicle registration if they are not currently using the vehicle. There is also
  a freeze on heavy vehicle registration fees until 30 June 2021. Find out more about registration costs
  and requirements.
- The Australian Government has announced a range of support measures including the recently announced <u>HomeBuilder program</u>, JobKeeper payment, Higher Education Relief Package, Early Childhood Education and Care Relief Package and a Jobs Hub. <u>Find out more information on</u> <u>Australian Government measures and assistance</u>.
  - the temporary child care package, which includes free child care, will end on 12 July. View further information <a href="here">here</a>.
- Centrelink If you're affected by COVID-19, you can register your intention to claim a Centrelink payment. Register your intention to claim.

#### Community assistance

- For assistance on COVID-19 related matters, Queenslanders can call 134 COVID (134 26 843).
- Australians are urged to donate blood to maintain our blood reserves in the coming months.
- Older Queenslanders who need support to stay home and stay safe during the COVID-19 pandemic can call the Community Recovery Hotline 1800 173 349.



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- View translated Australian and Queensland health resources related to COVID-19.
- People experiencing domestic and family violence may be vulnerable during periods of isolation. For help call 1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732) or <u>find further information and services for people impacted</u> by domestic and family violence.
- An online domestic and family violence reporting tool is available via the Queensland Police website.
   View here.
- Counselling services for anyone at any time are available from Lifeline or phone 13 11 14.
- Find out more about additional mental health services and resources.
- View the Australian Government's new Beyond Blue coronavirus mental wellbeing service or call 1800 512 348.
- The Queensland Government has launched <u>Boost Your Healthy</u>, a series of online videos and tips turning backyards into gyms and using Queensland's sporting greats as personal trainers and motivators.
- Queenslanders can all play a part to support families. Check in with friends and neighbours to see
  how they're managing and let them know you're there for them if they ever need someone to talk to.
  You can connect parents to services like ParentLine (call 1300 30 1300), <a href="Triple P">Triple P</a> or <a href="Oneplace">oneplace</a>. For
  families with more complex problems, encourage them to contact their nearest Family and Child
  Connect service (call 13 FAMILY). If you are concerned that a child may be at risk of harm, please
  call the department's Regional Intake Service.

